

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor: Rahul MALIK et al.

Art Unit 2617

Appln. No.: 10/591,600

Exr. F. Donado

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Conf. No. 3382

For: METHOD FOR REDUCING MEDIUM ACCESS OVERHEAD IN A
WIRELESS NETWORK

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the examiners for the courtesy extended to their representative during a personal interview conducted on January 7, 2010. The participants were Examiner Frank Donado, SPE Rafael Perez-Gutierrez, and David Ward, Reg. No. 45198. The summary of the substance of the interview is noted below.

During the interview, Applicants' representative presented remarks for distinguishing the claims submitted in Applicants' Amendment of November 20, 2009, from the art applied in the Final Rejection dated August 31, 2009; the remarks were substantially as set forth in the Amendment of November 20, 2009.

The examiners agreed that Applicants' claim 18, within the Amendment, overcomes the art applied in the Final Rejection. Although Applicants' representative noted that Applicants' submit that independent apparatus claim 31 similarly recites the subject matter distinguishing method claim 18 from the art applied in the Final Rejection, the examiner stated he would need

to consider claim 31 further before indicating allowability thereof over the prior art of record or issuing a further rejection thereof.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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